(vi) President, CII
(vii) President, FICCI
(viii) President, FIEO
(ix) President, ASSOCHAM
(x) President, of Export Promotion Council for EOUs/SEZs.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Inter State trade council are as follows:—

(i) To identity impediments that affect exports adversely.

(ii) To evolve uniform practices across different States in respect of trade facilitation.

(iii) To identify issues relating to State governments in regard to WTO capacity building, infrastructure development and creating an overall supportive Policy and fiscal environment for international trade.

(iv) To create a framework for making States partners in India's export effort.

(v) To commission studies in furtherance of the above objectives.

(vi) Any other related issue.

The Inter-State Trade Council will be a permanent Advisory Body, which will meet at least once every six months.

Items imported under WTO

†759. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the list of items imported during the last three years under WTO agreement alongwith their value thereof;

(b) the extent to which it has adversely affected the economy of the country;

(c) whether Government propose to issue a white paper on the effects arising from WTO agreement; and

(d) if so, by when?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The WTO agreements do not require any Member country to import any product. WTO Agreements only lay down the rules for global trade to be followed by the WTO Members. India's total imports during the last 3 years were:

Year	Imports	
	in Rs. crore	in $ million
2004-05	490,532	109,173
2003-04	359,108	78,150
2002-03	297,206	61,412

(b) There is no indication that imports have adversely affected India's economy.

(c) and (d) Do and arise, in view of (b) above.

Export of Indian Marine Products

760. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of Indian Marine Products have been adversely affected because of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof, product-wise, country-wise and year-wise during the last two years;

(c) the details of the impact of the sea food sector in the country; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to enhance export of sea food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) While there have been instances of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) related market access obstacles in some countries, our exports of marine products have registered a positive growth rate of 11.10% during 2004-05 as compared to the previous year.

(b) As per the reports received from the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), there were cases of rejection of 23 consignments of marine products, particularly shrimps, during the year 2003 and 25 during the year 2004 in the EU countries reportedly on account